

GAVINTON, FOGO & POLWARTH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held in Gavinton Village Hall
on Monday, 29 October, 2001 at 7.00pm

PRESENT: Mrs B Darling (Chairman), Mrs C Allman, Mr S Brodie, Mr A Macmillan,
Mr D Paterson, Mrs F Renton, Mr F Seed.
Councillor W L Forrest
Mrs J Wheadon (Committee Secretary).
4 members of the public.

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Mr I Gill, Mrs U Robinson and Mr B Weir.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 17 SEPTEMBER 2001

The Minutes, which had previously been circulated, were signed by the Chairman as a correct copy.

3 MATTERS ARISING

3,14(c) Basketball net on Gavinton village green – Mary Weir and the original sub-committee said that the net could be removed but what would happen to it had not been decided.

8(a) Bonfire night – there was to be a bonfire in the playing field. Thanks to all volunteers and Mr D Seed for providing a straw bale.

4 LOTHIAN AND BORDERS POLICE

WPC Rachael Mackey and WPC Karen Parker attended to hear our concerns regarding speeding through Gavinton. In July there had been a speeding check in the village and one person had been caught. Due to pressure on resources manpower was concentrated on accident or crash hotspots to ascertain why these occurred and as no accidents had been reported, Gavinton was not considered a problem. It was suggested that any concerns should be sent to the Police Traffic Department at Hawick, including the use of Main Street as a short cut to Duns industrial estate, especially early in the morning, and also the large number of children in the village. It would not be possible to borrow a radar gun to check traffic. A request for speed bumps would have to be made through the SBC Roads Department. It was decided to request an officer from the Police Traffic Department to attend our next meeting on 10 December and also to write with our concerns to the Road Safety Department in Duns. The officers were thanked for coming and left the meeting.

5 CONSIDER COAT OF ARMS FOR THIS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Mr John Marjoribanks addressed the meeting about a paper he had prepared, previously circulated, detailing the procedure for registering a coat of arms and suggesting 2 designs based on coats of arms associated with the area. It was felt that the idea would have to be put before the general public but that £841 was a lot of money to be raised, especially as the coat of arms was of no use to anyone except the Community Council and for use on the website. It was decided that the matter should be raised again after the new Community Council is elected in April 2002. Mr Marjoribanks was thanked for his efforts.

6 RICHARD HILLARY MEMORIAL, 6 NOVEMBER

The unveiling is scheduled for 12 noon and arrangements for lunch in hand. Currently 62 persons are expected and serving should start at 1.15pm in Fogo school. The Gavinton Village Hall committee have agreed that their crockery may be borrowed. Various ladies have offered to help with serving etc. The Fogo church wall has been repaired but not the lych gate.

7 STONE FLOWER BED AT FOGO

This has been built. It was agreed that Mrs Allman should buy plants and be reimbursed for cost. Thanks were expressed to Mr Peter Dale for funding the project.

8 SCOTLAND'S FLORAL GATEWAY COMPETITION 2001

Gavinton retained the trophy for "Wee Village" which was presented to Mrs Marjoribanks at a reception in Melrose. Mrs Darling passed on grateful thanks to all who had helped in enhancing the village.

9 GARAGES STRIP, GAVINTON

The owners of the garages have been told not to pay any more rent which means they can be asked to move off the site at any time. Car parking is going to be a problem.

10 BERWICKSHIRE COMMUNITY COUNCILS FORUM – MEETING OF 21 OCTOBER

Mrs Darling had chaired the meeting which was attended by 26 delegates.

Seminar for Community Councils, Earlston, 27 October

Mrs Darling was asked to chair, following the death of Mr Mackey. The proposed constitution will be issued for consultation before Christmas. The forum will be a link with the SBC and other public bodies.

11 PLANNING APPLICATION, COTHILL

There were no objections to this outline planning application for 3 houses.

12 IT REPORT

Mr Brodie said there had been 3104 hits.

13 TREASURER'S REPORT

The current balance is £1487. In future only one statement will be sent to Mr Macmillan.

14 THE GLEBE PROJECT

Mrs Renton offered to see if a digger was available to remove the shrubs and top 5 inches of soil and Mr Seed said he could dispose of it, after which new shrubs and gravel could be introduced. Mrs Renton to liaise with Mr Paterson. The £150 grant can be claimed after the work is complete. Mrs Darling said if more money was needed it may be possible to borrow from the BCCF.

Greenrig - Mrs Darling reported that work was in progress to make access to the garage.

15 CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

The following correspondence was tabled:

- (a) Joint Community Care Plan 2001-2004.
- (b) SBC Community Facilities Monitor- Survey (reply by end of November).
- (c) SEPA Protecting Scotland's Environment.
- (d) Rural Housing Service, supporting rural communities.
- (e) The Princess Royal Trust, Borders Carers Centre Newsletter and Annual Report.
- (f) Orange Health and Safety Road Show, 10 October in Hawick.
- (g) Eyemouth East Berwickshire Partnership – Business Skills Seminars, Autumn/Winter 2001.
- (h) Scottish Borders Memory Bank – Final Update, September 2001.
- (i) Berwickshire Housing Association Bulletin Autumn 2001.

- (j) SBC – Off Street Parking Scheme in Eyemouth.
- (k) SBC Licensing Board, Statutory Quarterly Meeting, 26 October.
- (l) Turnock outdoor and indoor lighting catalogue.
- (m) SBC Community Planning Theme Seminars:
 - Environment – Tuesday 13 November, 9.15am – 4pm, Melrose.
 - Lifelong Learning – Thursday 6 December, 10.45am – 3.30pm, Tweed Horizons
- (n) 52 Lowland Brigade – Notification of helicopter flying activity. (copy to Mrs Renton)
- (o) Royal Navy – Peebles Hydro Hotel, 6 December.

16 ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

- (a) Gavinton Village Hall notice board undercoated but not finished – responsibility of Village Hall Committee.

17 DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, 10 December 2001
Monday, 14 January 2002

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

~~John~~ Chairman *Una McRobison* Date *10 December 2001*